

horses and burros shall be established through the Land Use Planning Process pursuant to 43 CFR 1600.

Issues to be addressed include: the presence of burros at impact areas from a munitions research and development firing range; management of animals outside of the herd area; management of the current horse and burro herd to reach and maintain an appropriate management level; provisions for refining forage utilization monitoring protocols; and the use of new technologies to monitor herd size.

Documents relevant to the planning process will be available for public review at the BLM Yuma Field Office, 2555 Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, Arizona.

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Dated: August 27, 1998.

**Gail Acheson,**  
*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The plats of survey described below will be officially filed in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on September 25, 1998.

New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico:

Tp. 16 N., R. 8 E., accepted June 16, 1998, for Group 827 NM; T. 21 N., Rs. 7 & 8 E., accepted July 23, 1998, for Group 948 NM; T. 20 N., R. 13 E., accepted June 12, 1998, for Group 909 NM; T. 31 N., R. 17 W., accepted June 9, 1998, for Group 922 NM; T. 17 N., R. 8 E., accepted June 25, 1998, for Group 953 NM; T. 13 N., Rs. 6 and 7 E., and T. 14 N., R. 6 E., accepted July 22, 1998, for Group 956 NM; T. 29 S., R. 4 E., Supplemental Plat, accepted June 12, 1998, NM; and the Tigua Indian Reservation, accepted June 12, 1998, for Group 4 Texas.

If a protest against a survey, as shown on any of the above plats is received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat will not be officially filed until the day after

all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

A person or party who wishes to protest against any of these surveys must file a written protest with the NM State Director, Bureau of Land Management, stating that they wish to protest.

A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the protest is filed.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, surveys, and subdivisions.

These plats will be in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115. Copies may be obtained from this office upon payment of \$1.10 per sheet.

Dated: August 25, 1998.

**John P. Bennett,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor for New Mexico.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Announcement of Minerals Management Service Meeting on Oil Royalty-In-Kind Pilot Program in Wyoming

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS) will hold a half-day meeting with successful bidders under MMS's July 1, 1998, Invitation for Bids (IFB) on royalty-in-kind (RIK) oil produced from Federal leases in Wyoming and with the lessees and operators of properties successfully bid on. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues involved in implementing sales of Federal crude oil production to be taken as royalty-in-kind and sold under contracts resulting from the IFB.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on September 14, 1998, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., Mountain time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Wyoming Oil and Gas Commission Building, 777 West First Street, Casper, Wyoming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Bonn J. Macy, Minerals Management Service, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 4230,

Washington, D.C. 20240; telephone number (202) 208-3827; fax (202) 208-3918; e-mail Bonn.Macy@mms.gov; or Mr. Robert Kronebusch of MMS (the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative), P.O. Box 25165, MS 9200, Denver, CO 80225-0165, telephone number (303) 275-7113; fax (303) 275-7124; e-mail

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**COMMENTS:** Written comments on the meetings or the issues discussed below should be addressed to Mr. Bonn J. Macy at the address given in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject of this Notice is the continuation of MMS's planning process for the oil RIK pilot in Wyoming, one of three RIK pilot programs MMS is developing based on the recommendations in our 1997 RIK Feasibility Study. The objective of the Wyoming crude oil pilot program, as with all three pilots, is to test the effectiveness of the RIK concept for collecting Federal oil and gas royalties. MMS seeks to produce an RIK structure that reduces the administrative burden of royalty collection for both industry and government without creating a negative impact on Federal royalty revenues shared, in some cases, with States.

Operators of Federal leases in Wyoming that were successfully bid on have been directed to deliver royalty volumes in-kind for affected leases and associated communitization/unit agreements. For all other leases or agreements, payors will continue paying royalties based on current requirements.

Topics to be discussed at the meeting are:

1. Overall framework and phases of the Wyoming pilot.
2. Intent of the pilot.
3. Operator responsibilities:
  - ▶ Reporting.
  - ▶ Imbalance procedures.
  - ▶ Communication with purchasers.
  - ▶ Verification of royalty volumes.
  - ▶ Special considerations regarding trucked volumes.
  - ▶ Project termination and next phases of the pilot.
4. Purchaser responsibilities:
  - ▶ 100% takes of all royalty volumes delivered.
  - ▶ Communication with operator.
  - ▶ Reporting.
5. Question and Answer Period.

MMS has notified operators of affected properties and successful bidders of this meeting. If you are the operator or lessee of an affected property, or are a successful bidder under the July 1, 1998, IFB on crude oil produced from Federal leases in